

Thanks, Mom!  
(A Mother's Day Message)

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Motherhood can be one of the world's most **thankless** professions.

A mom's **annual compensation**, according to Salary.com (as reported by the Associated Press in 2008):

- stay-at-home mom: \$116,805 (94.4 hr/wk)
- mom who also works outside the home: \$68,405 (54.6 hr/wk)

Being a mom is hard work. Consider what most women go through to become a mother in the first place: **pregnancy**.

**Godly Goal:** *any specific orientation that reflects God's purpose for our lives and is not dependent on people or circumstances beyond our right or ability to control.*

**God's Goal for us:** *to become the person He created us to be in Christ.*

**Godly Desire:** *any specific orientation that depends on the cooperation of other people or the success of events or favorable circumstances you cannot control.*

**Three Challenges for Moms:**

1. The **Anxious** Mom (uncertain goals)
  - a. Symptoms: doubt, worry, insecurity, fear
  - b. Treatment: *faith* in your secure position in God's eyes
2. The **Apathetic** Mom (impossible goals)
  - a. Symptoms: depression, hopelessness, neglect, lack of caring
  - b. Treatment: *hope* in God's ability to transform your life
3. The **Angry** Mom (blocked goals)
  - a. Symptoms: hard to please, critical, domineering, abusive
  - b. Treatment: Receive God's *love* and *love* by dying to your self

**Romans 5:1-5 (NLT)**

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our *faith*, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident *hope* of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his *love*.

**Ephesians 6:2-3**

**Application:** Tell your mom, "THANK YOU, MOM, FOR..."